

West Elk Hockey Association

Board of Directors Meeting-regular meeting

Wednesday November 19, 2025 at 7:00 AM

Call to Order: 7:02 AM

Confirmation of Quorum: Yes with 5 of 7 members in attendance by Zoom. Ex. Dir Bill Frame, Gary Huresky, J Wenum, Tucker Brown, Chris Mucholsky, Jenn Willett

Members attending: Daren and Amanda Glover, Aime Bielak, Kari Roberts

Approval of October 2025 meeting minutes: Moved by Jen, Second by Tucker approved by voice vote, unanimous.

Rink Updates: Andy Eflin (Gunnison) reported rink staff have been working on preparing the outdoor rink for ice making. Weather needs to get colder prior to applying water. New Zamboni is expected to be delivered in the next 2 weeks. High School jamboree this weekend. Had a homeless man sleeping in the women's bathroom last night. A door that is not regularly used was left unlocked. Andy will work with staff to ensure all doors are locked/secured.

Executive Director's Report: See Bill's written report (included separately). Updates on WEHA Coach and Referee Incentive Program (approved at last meeting for 25/26 season and will be refined for 26/27 season in June 2026.

Salida is requesting WEHA to register 2 youth teams, players and coaches for them while they work on being accepted in CAHA as an Association. More on this in New Business.

Old Business: See agenda for topics and details (included separately). Topics with additional comments/discussion included Youth Hockey Director position put on hold until next summer to help bring that person into the role outside the peak of youth hockey.

Still concerns with the combined U19 girls program. Issues include jerseys, team name.

New Business: More on the Salida/WEHA relation. Bill is willing to take this on but has concerns and does not want to expose WEHA to unneeded liability. Discussion on how Salida has helped WEHA with players in different leagues each year, Salida will have partial year ice similar to WEHA and other SW CO communities (Telluride, Durango, Alamosa), share similar issues and size of communities. Concerns would be with violations of SafeSport, verification of birthdates/ages, player/coach USAH registrations, liability. Salida currently has an interim director and much of the verification duties could be placed on their interim director. Generally WEHA board is supportive of supporting the Salida effort. Bill requested a formal vote to direct

him to proceed with the effort. Gary moved to support the Salida request for WEHA to sponsor Salida. Jenn was the second and the motion was approved unanimously on a voice vote.

Member Comments: Kari Roberts, manager for the WEHA U19 girls advised the team has had some hurdles with uniforms and combined ice use (in Gunnison). They have 6 travel team players and 2 practice players and feels there is a need to grow the program to 10-11 girls and a goalie so WEHA could return to a standalone U19 program. She also mentioned having a U19 parent on the WEHA board. Gary advised that WEHA has elections for some of the seats each year so if there is an interested parent there will be opportunity. Kari also requested that in the WEHA meeting minutes when notes are taken on topics referenced that are included in the Executive Director's report or Agenda could the source document be included.

Chris M. suggested that a job description be developed prior to the summer to allow interested candidates the opportunity to see what the role will entail. He also suggested adding a slot for youth director updates to the Board's regular meeting agenda.

Daren Glover asked what steps have been taken to assemble a Development Committee as previously discussed. Bill responded that Scott R. and Rob B. are assembling the group. Amanda G offered she is willing to be involved with the group.

Aime Bielak asked if it would be ok for kids to wear their dark jerseys to school Friday in support of upcoming games. Several on board voiced support of this.

Next Meeting: December Board meeting will be an in person meeting. Last in person was in CB. This years will be in Gunnison. Brief discussion of options at a restaurant for the meeting or using the rink. Bill will check on options and availability. Meeting currently scheduled for Wed. Dec. 17, 2025 at 6 PM. More to follow.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 AM.

After the meeting Bill and J discussed including the agenda and Ex. Dir. Report with the meeting minutes when posted. Bill said he could add the pdf version of the agenda and report for cross referencing.

Director's Report 11/19/2025

Bill Frame

WEHA Coach & Referee Incentive Programs: 25/26 Season Policies Approved, will refine and adjust for 26/27 Season, programs to be revised June 2026

WEHA & RMHS Holiday Skills Clinic: Scheduled for 12/29 & 12/30/25 - final registration fees \$275 less \$25 early registration discount prior to 11/9/25, \$250 for 6 hours run by RMHS

WEHA GL Insurance Quotes: Have been in contact with USA Hockey and Mtn West Insurance to get quotes on GL Insurance and confirm limits, coverage and premium adjustments. GL Coverage 24/25 - \$2,225 for \$2M/\$1M to get to \$5M/\$1M would be an additional \$2,750/YR. WEHA does need to add City of Gunnison and Town of CB as Additional Insureds upon renewal at \$100/EA or \$200/YR

HS Fall Hockey Program: Fall program ended on a high note at a tournament in Fort Collins, the team went 2-1-1 and missed the Championship Game by 1 goal in the tiebreaker. CHSAA season started Monday 11/10/25, JV team plays Telluride in Gunnison on 11/15/25 - 2 games. Hosting 6 team HS Jamboree on 11/20-11/22/25 in Gunnison.

WCHL League Fees: WCHL fined WEHA \$250 for scheduling fees due to dropping our 14U B team. The League is considering fees and penalties for any changes to Team Declarations after 9/15, this would force WEHA to either close registrations for travel players prior to this date or come up with a deposit obligation for all players for League planning purposes??

CGHL: The CGHL will become the WCHL Girls League in 26/27, hopefully WEHA will have a 10U and 19U Girls Team?

WEHA Jersey & Sock Distribution: Jen Willett took on this role, managed, inventoried and distributed all Game Jersey's and Socks, THANKS Jen! WEHA will be invoicing for socks and will be placing an order for next season in the early summer.

Salida Hockey: Salida is requesting for WEHA to register a couple teams, players and coaches so that they can participate in games this season while they work on being accepted in CAHA as an Association

Tournaments: 8U's doing a Jamboree in GJ on 11/16, 14U's doing a CAN/AM Tournament in Denver on 12/5-12/7/25, 12U A's & B's going to GJ for MLK Tournament, 10U's may host a Tournament/Jamboree in Gunnison over MLK

Grants: Working with the Avalanche & Alumni Association on a possible grant. Working with the WSF, Women's Sports Foundation on a possible grant. Continue to try and meet with the PWHL and Walters family about a possible donation/sponsorship.